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Mr. Will Kempton, Director  
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Attention: Rachel Falsetti, Transportation Programming, MS-82

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: FY 2004/05 FSTIP Amendment No. 2 – Council of Fresno County Governments (COFCG) 2004/05 – 2006/07 FTIP

We have completed our review of Amendment No. 2 to the COFCG's 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated April 20, 2005. COFCG adopted this amendment with Resolution No. 2005-07 on March 24, 2005, approving these program modifications and reaffirming the conformity of the COFCG FTIP with the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality.

This amendment was requested by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to add or modify projects in Fresno County that include funding from the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program, National Highway System (NHS) program, Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) program and Section 130 Rail-Highway Crossings Program.

We accept this amendment in accordance with the provisions of 23 CFR Part 450. We find that this amendment was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out in accordance with the provisions of 23 U.S.C. section 134, and section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49 U.S.C. app. §1607). Based on our review, we find that changes made to the COFCG FTIP by this amendment do not require new emissions modeling because they were found to conform as part of a previous regional emissions analysis in accordance with 40 CFR 93.122 (g), therefore, we find this FTIP to conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP). Approval of this amendment does not constitute an eligibility determination for the projects from this amendment that are funded from the CMAQ program.

This finding has been coordinated with the regional office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Region IX office of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in accordance with the procedures outlined on the Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal

Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX dated July 15, 2004, on Roles and Responsibilities for Multi-mode Amendments.

This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of the COFCG's FTIP Amendment No. 2 into California's 2004/05 – 2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Mr. Leigh Levine of the Federal Highway Administration, California Division office at (916) 498-5034, or Mr. Paul Page of the Federal Transit Administration at (415) 744-2734.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Leslie T. Rogers*

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